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SUBJ: FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA ON IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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1. PERSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, I SAW BRAND FOURIE  
ON MORNING OF APRIL 21. BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN AND CANADIAN  
COLLEAGUES HAD ALREADY BEEN TO SEE HIM APRIL 20. FRENCH  
AND GERMANS HAVE NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. GERMAN CHARGE'  
MADE DEMARCHE TO DFA DEPUTY SECRETARY BOTHA IN PRETORIA THIS  
MORNING, APRIL 22. FRENCH WILL MAKE THE APPROACH IN NEXT FEW  
DAYS.

2. I WENT THROUGH THE TALKING POINTS AFTER WHICH FOURIE  
SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE ONE CLARIFICATION. THE SAG HAD  
CONTACTED IAEA LAST AUGUST ABOUT AN AGREEMENT FOR PLAC-  
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ING ITS COMMERCIAL ENRICHMENT PLANT UNDER SAFEGUARDS BUT  
DID NOT RECEIVE A RESPONSE UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY.  
EVEN THEN IT WAS IN THE FORM OF QUESTIONS. FOURIE SAID  
HE WANTED ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DELAY WAS NOT DUE TO  
SAG. IT IS WORKING ON IAEA QUESTIONS FOR REPLY AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT SAG  
PROGRESS TOWARD ADHERENCE TO NPT, HE CLAIMED THAT THIS

DECISION WILL DEPEND ON WHAT IS WORKED OUT ON SAFEGUARDS. NOTING THAT SAFARI AND KOEBERG ARE COVERED BY AGREEMENTS WITH US AND FRANCE, RESPECTIVELY, WHICH HAVE SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS, FOURIE ASKED WHAT WAS MEANT BY "FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS" (PARA 5 OF TALKING POINTS IN IAEA VIENNA 2755). I SAID I ASSUMED IT REFERRED TO THE PELINDABA-VELINDABA COMPLEX. FOURIE WENT ON TO REPEAT A NOW FAMILIAR POSITION THAT EVEN IF NPT WERE APPROVED, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT AT THE NEXT IAEA SESSION POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WILL NOT AGAIN PREVAIL. SINCE IAEA HAS VEERED AWAY FROM A STRICTLY TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO ISSUES, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT WHAT THE SAG DOES WILL SATISFY THE ANTI-SOUTH AFRICA ELEMENTS. I NOTED THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE FURTHER SAG ACTIONS WE HAD URGED, THOSE GOVERNMENTS WILLING TO LOOK AT THE SAG'S PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL TERMS AND INSIST THAT THE IAEA DO LIKEWISE LACKED AMMUNITION WITH WHICH TO ARGUE THE CASE. FOURIE WAS NONCOMMITTAL, ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH DR. ROUX.

3. HAVING DECIDED THAT I SHOULD RAISE THE ADDITIONAL TALKING POINT CONTAINED IN PARA 4 OF REFTTEL SO THERE WOULD BE NO GROUND FOR MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE FUTURE AND THAT I COULD DO SO WITHOUT COMPLICATING OUR OBJECTIVES RELATING TO NAMIBIA, I APPROACHED THE SUBJECT BY ASKING FOURIE IF HE HAD RECEIVED THE PRESIDENT'S APRIL 7 STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POWER POLICY. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD READ IT CAREFULLY. THEN WITHOUT MY SAYING CONFIDENTIAL

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ANYTHING FURTHER HE MADE THE LINKAGE BETWEEN NPT ADHERENCE AND FUTURE NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH THE US. FOURIE SAID THAT AFTER MANY MONTHS THE SAG WAS STILL WAITING FOR A RESPONSE TO ITS INQUIRIES ON NUCLEAR FUELS. HE NOTED THAT FAILURE TO RATIFY NPT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH DELAY. I SAID THAT ADHERENCE IS LIKELY TO BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN FUTURE NUCLEAR COOPERATION. FOURIE SAID THAT IF REPLACEMENT FUEL FOR SAFARI WAS NOT FORTHCOMING SOON, THE SAG WOULD HAVE TO START LOOKING ELSEWHERE FOR SUPPLIES.

4. MY COLLEAGUES AND I MET THIS MORNING TO COMPARE NOTES ON OUR RESPECTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH FOURIE. THEIR DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWED THE SAME COURSE AS MINE OUTLINED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. FOURIE UNDERSTOOD OUR REASON FOR WANTING EARLY ACTION BY THE SAG; HE INDICATED A REPLY TO THE DEMARCHE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, BUT HE COULD NOT SAY WHEN. BOWDLER

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